

MASONIC BANQUET.

Masons Give Annual Feast at Opera House.

On New Years Eve the various Masonic orders gave their annual banquet. The Masons and their families were invited and about 250 responded to the invitation.

The tables entirely filled the floor space of the opera house. As the guests arrived they were seated at the tables. The plans for serving had been minutely arranged and the large crowd was served in an incredibly short time. The supper consisted of turkey and ham, salad, pickles, celery, sandwiches, coffee, ice cream and cake. During the progress of the banquet an excellent program was rendered, which was enjoyed as the banqueters leisurely disposed of the feast. All together the affair was one of the best planned and executed of any similar event held in Monett. The evening was one of hearty enjoyment.

The program as given was as follows:

Piano Solo, Mrs. H. C. Kepner
Reading, Mildred Callaway
Reading, Otis Myer
Piano Solo, Ruth Bradford
Reading, Eulalia Watson
Violin Solo, Allen Callcott
Reading, Ronald Campbell
Reading, Mrs. J. L. Harvey
Piano Solo, Miss Ethel Mason
Vocal Solo, Mrs. F. A. Wightman
Violin Solo, Herron Westbay
Vocal Solo, Mrs. A. Petteter

Tom Tiernan Dead.

Died January 1, 1909 at 6:45 a. m. Thomas Lawrence Tiernan, aged 30 years, 2 months and 18 days.

Funeral services will be held Sunday at 10 a. m. at St. Lawrence Catholic church.

Mr. Tiernan is well known in this city having spent the greater part of his life here. He was for some years a clerk in Walsh's grocery store. Several years ago he became afflicted with lung trouble and a change of climate gave him no relief. Several weeks ago he came back to Monett and passed away at the home of his parents on Second street. He leaves a young wife, father, mother, two brothers and a sister to mourn his loss.

Surprise Party.

Miss May Randolph's friends surprised her on Thursday evening the occasion being her birthday. They spent the evening in games and merriment until the new year was ushered in.

The following were present: Misses Mae Brown, Maude Hall, Opal Armstrong, Ollie Armstrong, Mabel Moses, Grace Johnson, Bertha Campbell, Connie Jones, Edna Standridge, Berenice Downs; Messrs. Edgar Bear, Paul Breece, Monnett Myer, Carl Bradford, Arthur Anderson, Walter Harris, Will Randolph, Rex Leckie, Mr. and Mrs. Otto Karn.

Whist Club

The Whist club was entertained by Miss Gene Price at her home on Fifth street Thursday afternoon. Mrs. Roy Beaty was awarded the prize. The following were present: Misses Leslie Haefliger, Maude Kane, Kate Miller, Mollie Lyons, Sarah and Helen Lehnhard, Mabel Mills, Elsie Salzer, Frankie Duickson, Mamie and Cora Sturgis, Vera Martin, Mrs. Roy Beaty and Miss Algine Newcomb of Antlers, Okla.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Lewis returned this morning to their home at Leslie, Ark., after a visit with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. Watson.

Misses Verna and Gladys Nelson of Neodesha, Kan., who have been visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Puthuff, returned to their home today, accompanied by their father, A. W. Nelson.

Lynn Peel Promoted.

Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Peel received a letter this week from their son Lynn, written from Honolulu informing them that he had been appointed traveling auditor for the Pacific Mail Steamship Co., plying between San Francisco, Portland and the Orient. This company has offices in Honolulu, Hawaii, Yokohama, Kobe and Nagasaki, Japan, Shanghai, Hong Kong, China. It controls all the mail matter and practically all the freight to the Orient from the United States and visa versa. Harriman is at the head of this great ocean traffic.

Mr. Peel has been chief clerk to the general auditor in San Francisco for several years and his advancement was unexpected, it was nevertheless made upon merit, and the young man of 25 years of age assumed his responsibilities at once and is now checking up the company's interests in Japan. The trip will take four or five months.

Mr. Peel started as a truck boy at Van Buren, Ark., for the Missouri Pacific at the age of 19. He was advanced to a position in the Superintendent's office in Little Rock before he was 21, then was transferred to New Orleans upon another advance. He then was offered a lucrative position in San Francisco with the Southern Pacific, which he accepted. The Southern Pacific and the Steam Ship Co. are largely controlled by the same people. Mr. Peel's rapid advance goes to prove that he has mastered his business and further advances no doubt await him.

Revival Meeting

The Revival meetings began in the Methodist church on Sunday evening. There was a large congregation present and the interest of the meeting ran high.

The pastor preached from Gen. 44-46 "How Shall We Clear Ourselves." It was a personal and up to date appeal to the people to consider well and now their duty toward the forces which make life.

There was a hearty response all through the meeting. The chorus singing was fine and greatly appreciated. The outlook for a great meeting is good.

Everybody come out and help in the good work.
7:30 is the hour.

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 29, 1908.

MRS. J. P. WESTBAY, Monett, Mo.
DEAR FRIEND:—The lovely donation sent by the good people of Monett has come to hand in good condition.

I desire to thank you one and all, for the kind interest you have taken in this work, and I assure you it is highly appreciated. God has been very good to us in the past and is continually raising up new friends for us for which we are very thankful.

May God bless you in His own way for remembering His unfortunate ones at this time.

Yours very truly
C. C. STAHMANN,
State Supt.

Entertained.

Mrs. Whitlatch very pleasantly entertained her Sabbath School class and a few friends at her home on North Fifth street Wednesday evening. The young folks spent the time in merry games until a late hour when a delicious two-course luncheon was served.

Those present were Flora McCormack, Vera Boynton, Geraldine Christopher, Meta Westerman, Hazel Pinnel, Sarah Watson, Pearl Winton, Cecil Goodrum, Lillie McCracken, Grace McClanahan, Etta Stevens, Grace Whitlatch, Bertie Spurgeon, Fred Woodruff, Earl Wainwright, Hugh Murphy, Ronald Campbell, Fred Ragain, Ed McMullen, Jim Dirickson.

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. E. Hagen and two sons of Pittsburg, Kan., visited the family of Sid Hagen this week.

Five Convicts Pardoned By Gov. Folk Yesterday

Jefferson City, Jan. 2.—Five parole commutations were given convicts in the penitentiary today by Gov. Folk, two of them being granted to prisoners coming from St. Louis. One of these two is Edgar Lee Evans, who came here in 1904, to serve 35 years for murder in the second degree. He is to be released Wednesday. The papers in his case say he can live but a few months longer. He is a consumptive.

The other St. Louisian is Arthur End, who came here in 1908 to serve six years for an alleged assault upon a 13-year old child. End will be released Monday.

William Page, who came from Scotland county in 1906, to serve 15 years for murder in the second degree, will be liberated Feb. 15, and Charles and Vester Collins, McDonald county, brothers, who were brought here in 1905 to serve 10 years for murder in the second degree, are to go out on Jan. 15.

St. Lawrence Church.

The contract for the new St. Lawrence Catholic church was let to the Merwin Construction and Supply Company of Kansas City. The contract was let with the understanding that the lumber be furnished by the Robinson Lumber Co., and the brick by W. C. Hathaway of Monett. For labor Monett citizens are to be employed as much as possible.

The new church will be built of brick and will be 100x50 feet in size. It will be built on the corner of Seventh and Cale streets beside the rectory.

The church is very conveniently planned and will have a large auditorium. It will be a fine structure and a credit to the city.

Made Arrest.

Friscio Policeman Dennis received word from Harrison, Ark., Saturday night to arrest a man by the name of Mitchell whose home is in Springfield on a charge of obtaining money under false pretences. He arrested his man and turned him over to the chief of police. The money was refunded and the man set at liberty.

Mrs. Grace Fly has resigned her position at Wainwright's.

Miss Neva Overton has returned from a visit in Oklahoma.

Prof. P. C. Callaway has returned from a visit at Waco, Tex.

Miss Margaret Williamson has returned from a visit to relatives at Wheatland.

Miss Philbrook has returned from Springfield where she spent her vacation.

A. K. Boggs has returned to Sapulpa Okla., after a visit with his family here.

J. Thomas went to Eldorado Springs Monday to visit his daughter.

Mrs. Henry Crane of Scioto, Ill., is visiting her sister, Mrs. Ed Herron.

Miss Berenice Downs returned Sunday from a visit to her aunt, Mrs. C. W. Carnes at Seneca.

Mr. and Mrs. Frederick W. Kellogg, of St. Paul, Minn., are visiting Mr. and Mrs. Clark Kellogg.

W. A. Wear representative from Barry county, left Sunday night for Jefferson City.

Monett Myer returned to Tulsa, Okla., Sunday night after a visit with his parents Mr. and Mrs. P. W. Myer.

Rev. Smith, of William Jewell College spoke at the Baptist Young Peoples Union Sunday evening. He left Monday morning for Liberty, where he is a student at the college.

L. B. Darnil, Dr. L. West and John Salzer will leave Tuesday for a visit to Las Palmas colony in Mexico.

Cassville News.

From The Democrat.

Dave Thomas and his son Fred, of near Monett, were in town Saturday.

Sheriff Ed Newman informed us that he has selected Darb Henley of Butterfield for his principal deputy.

Married at the home of Rev. Smallwood, Dec. 23, 1908, Henderson Stephenson, of Mineralspring and Nora Aldridge of Mano. The young couple enjoys the respect and confidence of that entire community.

Wm. Cowherd of Butterfield has sued the Frisco road for \$200, charging that defendant neglected placing a car partially loaded with strawberries, in order to complete loading at Monett.

On Christmas day of 1908 at the residence of John W. Phillips of Hailey, Mr. Ernest Clevenger and Miss Sadie Lemson of Cato and Mr. Orville Kirby of Cato and Miss Nettie Dobbins of Mineralspring were united in marriage.

S. A. Mott visited at Rogers, Ark., Thursday.

Chas. Andrews, of Van Buren, Ark., is visiting in the city.

Dr. Sparkman, of Cassville, was in Monett Sunday evening.

Sim Ritchey of Kings Prairie, has sold his farm and will move to Arkansas.

J. B. McHenry returned Wednesday night from a visit to relatives in Iowa.

Chas. Bowers of Joplin, visited the first of the year with Gus Kane and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Otto Karn have gone to housekeeping in Mrs. Westerman's cottage on Euclid avenue.

Miss Katherine Carnes of Neosho, is visiting her sister, Mrs. Wm. Kines.

P. F. Ferguson and family have returned from a visit to friends at Newtonia.

Misses Vera Martin and Algine Newcomb visited in Peirce City Saturday.

G. P. Gammon has sold one of his Marshall Hill cottages to G. I. Reymier, consideration \$800.

The Elks gave a New Years ball at the opera house Friday night. There was a good attendance. F. P. Sizer furnished the supper.

W. A. Boucher of the real estate firm of Boucher & Strother of Purdy, was transacting business in Monett Saturday.

The Odd Fellows and Rebekahs will hold a joint installation on the evening of January 13. A banquet will be served.

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Mills and daughters left Thursday for their home in Oklahoma City after a visit in Monett and Peirce City.

Willie and Jimmie Hagen returned to their home at Ft. Scott, Kan., Thursday after a visit with Sid Hagen's family.

Mr. and Mrs. Woods, Mrs. Rolla Keithley and daughter Mildred went to Sarcoxie on a visit Thursday.

Mrs. S. C. Hughes, Miss Lucile Hughes and Richard Hughes, of Springfield, visited this week with Mrs. Frank Reed, returning home Thursday night.

There was a six o'clock dinner held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Menifee, North Birch last evening, which was attended by Misses Chris. Peek and H. C. Miller, the Misses McCabe, Maud and Ethel Campbell, the latter of Monett, and Mr. McNally.—Sapulpa Light.

A spark from a passing locomotive set out fire on John Follis' strawberry field last Saturday, completely destroying the plants.

A crate shed containing about 500 crates was also destroyed. The damage will be very heavy. The Frisco is using oil burners almost exclusively on this division now, but there are a few coal burning locomotives still in use and it was one of these that is alleged to have caused the fire.—Sarcoxie Record.

MENDON.

Everyone around here seem to have had a Merry Christmas.

G. W. Beckett has been on the sick list but is improving now.

Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Howard spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. John Pruitt.

Mrs. Mary Pelton and daughter of Oklahoma, who have been visiting her brother, G. W. Beckett, left for Stotts City to visit other relatives.

Walter Anthony and Miss Pearl Browning were married December 27. They will live with Mr. and Mrs. Anthony for awhile.

Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Howard and daughters spent Saturday evening with Mr. and Mrs. Will Scott.

Dr. and Mrs. Wright spent Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. Hudson in Peirce City.

Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Davis and sons, Will and Walt and their wives all spent Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Chitwood.

Herman Kaiser and family all attended church service at the German church Thursday.

Misses Grace and Elma Whaley visited their grandmother Saturday night and Sunday.

VIOLET.

STONES PRAIRIE.

A Happy New Year to the TIMES and all its readers.

Well, did Santa find you?

Christmas was rather quiet in this vicinity.

Plowing, clearing out fence rows and building fence seems to be the order of the day with our farmers.

Last Sunday was the regular meeting day at New Site. Bro. McCombs filled his regular appointments. At the close of the morning services he received quite a surprise. While the audience were shaking hands with him some of the ladies stepped behind him and hung a beautiful silk crazy patch quilt on the wall behind him, then one of the men pointed and told him that there was quilt for him made by the ladies of the church. Before he had recovered from the surprise he was given a package containing a handsome as well as durable watch chain and another containing a nice tie presented by the young men. He also received a very pretty post card. He was about as tickled over them as a school boy is over his first watch.

The prayer meeting at Bro. Luther Carlin's was well attended last Wednesday night. There will be prayer meeting at the home of Mrs. Lena Warner next Wednesday evening. Everybody is invited to attend and take part in these services.

There will be Sunday School at New Site as usual next Sunday morning at 10 o'clock. Everybody invited.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Phillips and baby of Purdy, visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Banks a few days this week.

Mrs. Hattie Haddock and children visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Redman Wormington Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Chastain and children of Joplin visited his sister, Mrs. Nora Holmes and family from Christmas until Sunday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Denver Banks and children and Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Banks spent Christmas with their daughter, Mrs. Anna Means and family of Fairview neighborhood.

The little babe of Mr. and Mrs. Asa Wormington has been quite sick, but was better at last report.

The baby of Mr. and Mrs. Bert Wormington has been on the sick list but is better now.

COLUMBINE.

County Attorney Jas. Talbert was in Monett on business Monday.

KINGS PRAIRIE

Well as Christmas and New Year is and has been all the attraction of mind and action we may add a few items along that line.

Rev. Geo. Qualls, pastor, filled his regular appointment at New Liberty church the 4th Sunday at 11 o'clock. His subject: "Christ has Risen."

W. S. Alexander and daughter Estella of Springfield, came down to spend Christmas with his sister, Mrs. B. S. Stribling and other relatives. He reports Springfield elated over the beginning of work on the new railroad shops.

Elsa Fly of McDowell, led the singing at church and Sunday School last Sunday. Mr. Fly is making an effort to organize a singing class. He gave a song service Monday night but failed to secure the required number of subscribers, and left another appointment.

Frank Gottas who lives on the east side is putting up a large new barn.

As we stood upon one of the thoroughfares Christmas day we heard the cheerful voices of the gay and happy throng as they went to and fro. Then we looked again and we saw a hearse bearing the body of the wife of an old war veteran and as the long procession passed slowly along we noticed the sad faces of relatives and friends. What a contrast—joy and sorrow mingling together.

Last Wednesday Mr. Howard closed the Prairies school until after the holidays. At the close Miss Edna Campbell who makes her home at B. S. Stribling's received a valuable post card album as a present from her school mates, including the teacher. Last but not least the teacher had provided an ample supply of candy for the school. Then's when Joe wanted to come in. If there is anything he likes better it is a little more candy.

While the joys of Christmas are passing away the events of another new year are upon us. Many good resolutions will be made. Some will be kept, while many will be broken. Many that joined with us in the joys and festivities at the beginning of the last new year have gone to join those in the city of the dead. Many who partake of the pleasures of this will go likewise, some holding to this life for all there is in it, others only waiting for the change. Surely if heaven is to be as described all the scars, tears and heart aches caused by the misfortunes of this life will be eliminated from the memory, that there be nothing left to mar the joy and happiness promised.

Most everybody went visiting some other body Christmas. Joe was one that went and got one square meal.

W. R. Headerson and family of Monett, attended church at New Liberty Sunday.

Wm. Fleming living on the east side has set a good example in the way of an outside cellar built of concrete. Will says it is cool in summer and frost proof in winter.

JOE.

Miss Pearl McCormack, who recently went to Kansas City to take the Missouri State Board examination has received a license from that board to practice medicine in the state of Missouri. She also recently took the Oklahoma State Board examination, making at that examination the second highest grade. Dr. McCormack expects to locate in our city within a few days.

S. E. Autrey and Miss Katie Gaet were driving into Monett Saturday when they met an automobile. Their team became frightened and threw them out of the buggy. Miss Gaet was thrown over a barb wire fence near Wimsatt Bros. farm and slightly scratched by the wire. Mr. Autrey was considerably bruised.